



THIS IS what a "million dollar" truck auction looks like - the auction that E.M. Sharp Sales held Tuesday

at Cotton Center. Sold were 241 lots including trucks, truck tractors and trailers, along with parts,

transmissions, rear ends, and engines. The auction was called "successful" and it is possible that other auctions

will be held in the future. At any rate, there was activity a-plenty in

Cotton Center on Tuesday. (Farm Tribune photos)

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## MOTH CONTROL FOR BOLLWORM "BACK ON TRACK"

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The sterile male moth control program for the pink bollworm in the San Joaquin valley now appears to be back on the track, Dr. R.J. Anderson, associate director of the Agriculture Research service, said this week.

Anderson's statement came in response to the questions bothering growers which were submitted by John Arthur Reynolds, executive vice president of Western Cotton Growers association.

"The first problem that confronted us was trouble in the breeding laboratories in Brownsville, Texas," Dr. Anderson said. Due to a virus disease which became widespread, the production of moths was cut down to a small fraction of the number needed. It took some time to work that one out. The fact that the crop was late due to adverse weather conditions gave us the necessary time.

"The breeding program is now going back on schedule and we anticipate a production of about 60,000 per week by the middle of July which is expected to be adequate. If need arises, this number can be expanded.

"The second baffling problem arose when we didn't find any of the sterile moths in the sex lure traps we had installed. We had dropped many of them and some should have shown up.

"Our scientists felt that this could have been caused by the dipping of the sterile moths which might have been of a low

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## Saak Estate Funds Helping Young People

PORTERVILLE - Thirty-eight young people from the Porterville-Poplar area were being aided through Charles E. Saak estate funds during the period of February 1, 1967 to January 31, 1968, with amount of money spent totalling \$50,337.49.

Report on the fund was released by the trust department of the Bank of America in Fresno through the office of the fund's legal counsel, Burke E. Burford, in Porterville.

During the year covered in the trust fund statement, 23 young people were receiving assistance in their education; 15 others had received some sort of help to meet medical, hospital, dental, or optometric needs.

During the five years that the trust has operated, a total of \$94,887 has gone to young people of the community; now the amount is running around \$50,000 per year, since the fund existed for two or three years without much use.

The amount of money provided fluctuates from year to year, since the annual amount depends on how much is available in the trust account.

The late Charles E. Saak, who spent his life as a rancher in the Poplar district, left an estate of more than a half million dollars when he died on January 30, 1961.

He provided for the establishing of a trust fund, the income from which would be used for aid to under privileged

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## ASSOCIATION COMMENTS ON COUNTY BUDGET

VISALIA - Analysis of the proposed 1968-69 budget for the County of Tulare has been presented by the Tulare County Property Owners association in letter form to the county board of supervisors, with requests for "investigations in depth" of certain departmental budgets.

The letter, signed by James W. Gordon, executive manager of the association, stated:

"The recommended County budget for 1968-69 totals \$43,028,617.00. This is less than the adopted budget for 1967-68 by \$723,786.00. However, these figures do not tell the true story of what faces the property owner when the 1968-69 tax rate is computed.

"There are 43 departments which are asking for increases. These increases amount to \$3,171,646.00. Of the total increase, \$862,667.00 will directly affect the property tax rate. The balance represents a shift of the burden to the Federal and State.

"There are 21 departments which show a decrease of \$3,895,432.00. Seven departments show no change at all; \$2,535,043.00 of the decrease is a result of a change in financing operation of the three hospitals, caused by a new agreement with the State and appears to be nothing more than a bookkeeping arrangement.

The road department decreases \$419,504.00, but this does not affect the property tax rate because Road department money comes from the tax on

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## Editorial Comment

Are members of the Porterville city council just plain stupid, or have they reached a point of arrogance where they believe they can say, "the people be damned," then flout the city charter in accordance with their own whims and fancy, while, at the same time, fattening their personal pocketbooks.

Point in question is action by the council, taken June 19, 1968, in an adjourned session, said action involving the voting of \$100 per month to the mayor for "expenses" incurred in relation to city business, and \$50.00 per month to each councilman for the same purpose.

Bill Benson made the motion, Mac Williams seconded, to pay the mayor \$100 per month in "expense" money; they both voted for the motion along with Vice Mayor Jim Hanson and Mayor Marty Martin.

Williams moved, Hanson seconded, to pay each councilman \$50.00 per month "expense" money; they both voted for the motion, along with Martin; Benson voted against it.

Not present at the meeting when this action was taken was councilman Dick Spencer.

City councilmen, under the third paragraph of Section 9 of the Porterville city charter, are to receive \$5.00 per meeting attended, limited to two meetings per month.

That's what the charter says.

And when, back in 1963, an amendment to the charter was placed on the city ballot seeking to raise pay of councilmen to

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## CITY COUNCIL SAYS "NO" ON MOSQUITO DISTRICT

PORTERVILLE - Porterville city council, Tuesday night, reaffirmed an earlier stand and voted "no" on inclusion of the City of Porterville in the proposed Foothill Mosquito Abatement district that is visualized as covering the east side of Tulare county from north of Lindsay to the county line.

The Lindsay city council has also voted to stay out of the district, which means that the two incorporated cities within

the area of the proposed district will not be part of it.

Whether or not the district will now be formed depends on action by the Local Agency Formation commission and the Tulare county board of supervisors.

The commission will consider district formation for the third time in the past few weeks at a meeting in the county courthouse July 5. If the agency approves formation, then the

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## "Best Tobacco We Ever Saw" Say Hubert And Otis Jones

By Bill Rodgers

WOODVILLE - There's no doubt about it. Woodville is the tobacco capital of Tulare county, what with Hubert Jones, and his nephew, Otis Jones,

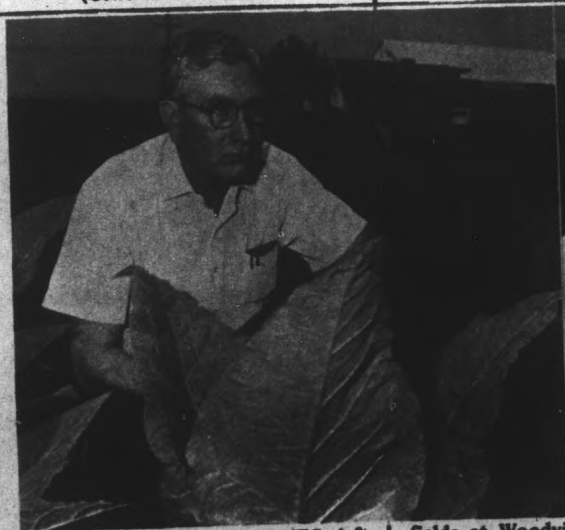
producing what they allow is the "best tobacco we ever saw in our life," in the backyard fields of their Woodville homes.

Hubert has 85 plants of Bright Burley growing from seed he got while on a trip to Arkansas last summer; Otis, who lives next door, has 144 plants from the same seed. Between them they expect season production of about 200 pounds of tobacco.

Seed was planted in a box bed last February, then the small plants set out in rows about the middle of April. Leaves, some measuring 18 inches wide by 37 inches long, are near maturity, and, after turning a golden brown in about another month, will be cut, tied into "hands," and hung for curing.

After curing, heavy veins will be removed from the leaves and the tobacco crushed for pipe or roll-your-own cigarettes, rolled into cigars, or rolled into twists

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HUBERT K. JONES, left, and his nephew, Otis Jones, are shown in their backyard tobacco



fields at Woodville, where they are producing "the best tobacco we ever saw" from Bright Burley seed that

Hubert picked up in Arkansas last summer. The crop will be cured for smoking and chewing, just as they



used to do it when they were boys back on the family farms in Arkansas. (Farm Tribune photos)



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Los Angeles Herald-Examiner

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## POLITICAL PARADE

By CLEM WHITAKER, JR.

August will be a noisy month, what with all the cacophony of two presidential nominating conventions. Lost, perhaps, in the hoopla at Miami and Chicago will be a whirring sound; the sound of the Founding Fathers turning in their graves as they watch with immortal eyes the manner in which we tap a man to run the country.

In one of the definitive reports for which it is famous, Congressional Quarterly—the encyclopedic and prestigious chronicle of current federal government activities—traces the evolution of presidential conventions from the days when they didn't exist right up to this year's Republican and Democratic meetings.

As CQ points out, presidential nominating conventions have no real legal status. Like Topsy, they just grew. There was no mention of them on the floor of the Constitutional Convention in 1787; and as a matter of fact, the framers of our basic charter created the electoral system for the very purpose of detouring the "spirit of party" which is now so basic in our selection of a chief executive.

Today, when polls show a growing possibility that George Wallace's vote gathering strength might just throw this year's election into the House of Representatives, it is interesting to recall that that was just what the founding fathers expected to happen after the unanimity of the George Washington era had dissipated.

Realizing that the squire of Mt. Vernon would be a hard act to follow, the founders anticipated a plethora of regional favorites in the voting of the electors, or electoral college as it now is known. In effect, they provided for electoral nomination of several presidential candidates and House election of one.

As Congressional Quarterly puts it, "In practice, it never worked out that way." Individual beliefs and philosophies quickly began to coalesce into party policy, and out of this new stratification came the first extralegal nominating device, the party caucus in Congress.

Caucuses were the forerunners of party conventions, and between 1796 and the 1820s they produced the presidential candidates. But dissatisfaction among the voters led in 1831 to the first national nominating convention. It was held in Baltimore, by the Anti-Mason party.

## CALIFORNIA SPEAKS

DR. ARTHUR F. BURNS, Stanford, ex-Eisenhower economic aide—"Economic progress will depend, for one absolutely essential thing, on civil order."

F. E. VERDIECK, Redlands—"There is too much permissiveness in morals; the meaning of freedom has become warped."

PETER PULIS, S. F.—"What communism accomplishes by applying restraint on the individual, democracy accomplishes by applying the principles of freedom."

VICE ADMIRAL FITZHUGH LEE, in S. F. speech—"As the cold war weeks and months roll on, we're going to have to . . . stand up and be accounted for or abdicate as defender of freedom for some two billion people in this world."

BARBARA LEDDY, San Diego—"It's time we stopped trying to fix the blame for our past mistakes and time to start building for tomorrow."

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## Editorial Comment

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\$15.00 per meeting, limited to two meetings per month, the people voted "No," 896-650.

That's what the people said - No.

For many years Porterville city councilmen have been reimbursed for out-of-pocket expense incurred in connection with their duties as elected city officials.

With this we agree.

But now city councilmen have said, "Just write us a warrant each month for 50 bucks - and give the Mayor a double shot. We'll call it reimbursement for expenses, but it's nobody's business what the expenses are. Just give us the money."

And along with this, councilmen will, we presume, still receive additional reimbursement as they have in the past, when they go to overnight, or several-day meetings, such as those of the League of California Cities.

So what does this \$50-\$100 "expense" formula amount to?

It's a monthly pay check, plain and simple.

Call it anything you want to - in this case it's being called "expense" money.

But when there is no supporting information, no itemization of expense incurred, no proof, even, if any out-of-pocket money has been spent in connection with city business, then those checks for \$50.00 and \$100.00 become, in actuality, a straight pay check.

The city charter says that councilmen are to be paid \$10.00 per month - not \$50.00 or \$100.00 per month.

The people said that's the way they want it.

But with what they probably consider a clever political and legal maneuver, city councilmen now set themselves up as above and beyond the provisions of the city charter, and above and beyond the vote of the people.

We don't question that this action taken by the city council is legal - technically.

But we do get back to our original questions? Is the Porterville city council just plain stupid, or insufferably arrogant?

THE ANSLEY HERALD, Custer County, Nebraska.

## Politics in Democracy Gives Voters Chance to Throw Out the Rascals

UNCLE CLARENCE

. . . from CLEAR CREEK

DEAR MISTER EDITOR:

Sometimes the fellers at the country store was surprised at the ideas they come up with. Like Saturday night when Zeke Grubb started talking politics. Zeke, that

CQ offers a wry footnote to presidential election history in the fact that the Anti-Mason candidate carried only Vermont. That should have eased Alf Landon's mind a little in 1936. He also got Maine.

The two major parties we know today have been convening quadrennially now for well over a century. The Democrats held their first in 1832 to nominate Andy Jackson for a second term. The Republicans didn't get under way until 1856, with California's historic figure, John C. Fremont, as its unsuccessful candidate.

So, on to August. Extralegal or not, the conventions are with us . . . and so are the old legal requirements that might yet require the House of Representatives to say finally: who's going to be who in the House of White.

says he always votes fer the man that makes the biggest promises with the straightest face, allowed as how we got to face the noice in this national election year.

None of the fellers had never took Zeke fer a philosopher, but politics was a subject the fellers enjoy, particular Ed Doolittle and Clem Webster, so Zeke was give the floor with the understanding that Ed and Clem was entitled to equal time in case Zeke's politics got too fur off base.

First off, Zeke said politics in this country was operated on the briar patch system. The whole idea is to git the other feller to do what you want him to do because he thought of it first. The surest way to figger a man would like to run fer office is to listen to him say he wouldn't have it as a gift. That's the old rabbit hopping the fox will throw him in the briar patch. Candidates was like wimmen, Zeke went on, they let a man court her until she catches him.

Pritty soon, said Zeke, that old rabbit in the briar patch turns into a tar baby. After the citizens final convince him that he had ought to run fer their sake and fer the general good of the country, the rabbit gits elected and the citizens was stuck with him. It's the voters that gits outfoxed, was the way Zeke put it.

Ed, that usual don't say nothing good about no politician since Lincoln, said that when you git right down to it, politics is a way of life in this country that all Americans had ought to be thankful fer. Sometimes, he said, it looks like one bunch of people trying to keep their rascals in and another bunch trying to git them rascals out and git their rascals in.

But Ed went on to say he always tries to keep in mind the little story he heard about the Russian voter that started to look at his ballot afore he dropped it in the box. The guard at the box told him he wasn't allowed to look at the ballot on account of he was voting the Russian secret ballot. Politics in a democracy at least gives folks a choice of rascals, was the way Ed put it.

Zeke, Clem, and Ed was all agreed on this point. Clem said politics in America may be funny, but they ain't nothing funny about living in them countries where people ain't got no politics. When all the fellers endorsed this philosophy, Mister Editor, we adjourned the session on a harmonious note, as the politicians say.

Yours truly,

— Uncle Clarence.

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## Cling Peach Market Order Now Operating

SACRAMENTO - Regulations establishing minimum grade, maturity, size and maximum tolerances for California's 1968 cling peach crop became effective June 28, pursuant to the Joint Marketing Order for Canning and Freezing Cling Peaches.

California Director of Agriculture Earl Coke approved the regulation upon recommendation of the Joint Cling Peach Advisory Board, which assists him with administration of the Marketing Order.

The minimum grade established is "Number 1 Cling Peach," and the minimum size is 3-3/8 inches diameter. The minimum maturity test is given by taking samples from a load of peaches and comparing the flesh color with a color disc.

The cling peach marketing order applies to 2,200 growers and 20 commercial canners.

The harvest usually begins in early July and normally ends by mid-September. Virtually all of the nation's clingstone peaches and canned fruit cocktail, in which peaches are a major ingredient, are processed in California. Leading cling peach counties are: Stanislaus, Sutter, Merced, San Joaquin, Yuba, Butte and Tulare.

## VISITORS TO PARKS 32% ABOVE LAST YEAR

THREE RIVERS - Record-breaking numbers of visitors are coming to Sequoia and Kings Canyon National parks. Entrance statistics show that travel to the two National parks is 32% greater than last year, according to John S. McLaughlin, park superintendent.

## JIM HENDERSON IS MANAGER OF ALTA SALESYARD

VISALIA - The California Livestock Marketing association has designated James Henderson of Visalia as its new Alta Auction Salesyard manager. Henderson, according to Richard Jones, General Manager of CLMA, assumed responsibility for the Alta sale July 1.

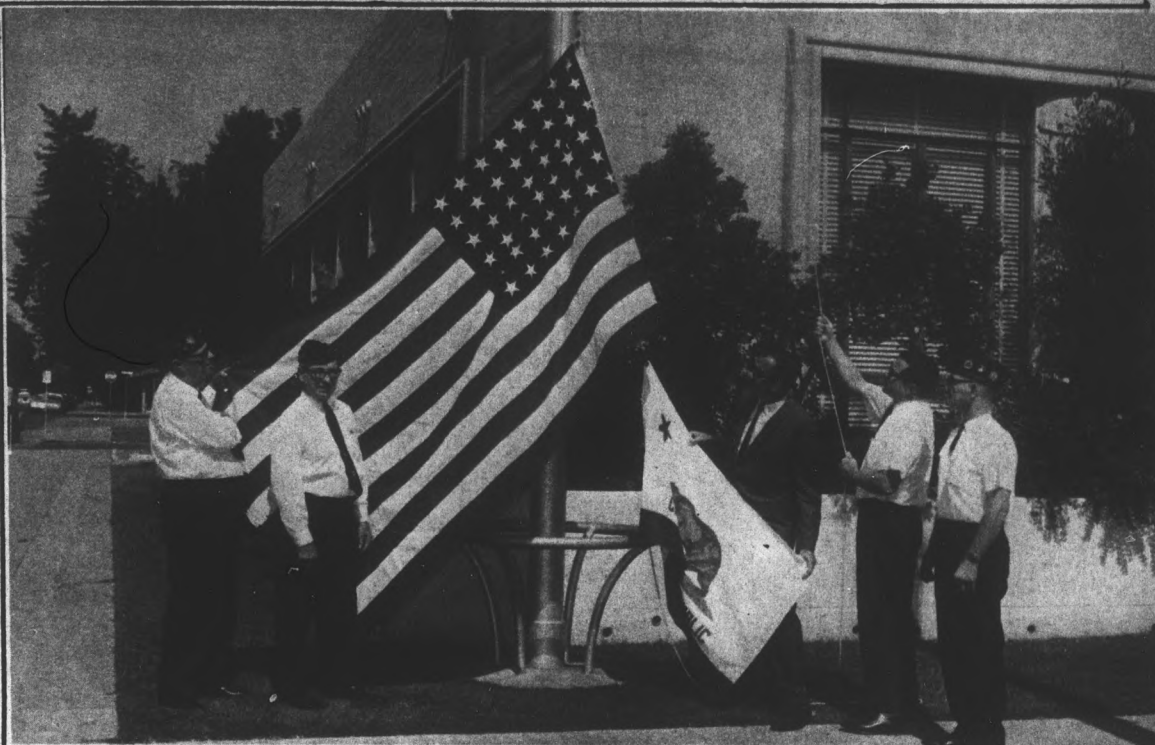
The Alta Sales yard, located in Dinuba, serves as the association's auction for livestock producers from Tulare, as well as parts of Fresno and Kings counties. In addition to the weekly cattle sales, hog sales are held each Monday. Jones further reports that the interest generated by the periodic horse sales has been increasing and future plans include a continuation of these special sales.

Henderson's appointment is the second major personnel change in the California Livestock Marketing association, the other, the appointment of Dan Fahey as the Madera Auction Yard manager. Other sales of the association are conducted on a weekly basis at Stockton, Dixon, and Red Bluff.

## STATE BUDGET IS APPROVED

SACRAMENTO - The state legislature has passed a \$5.7 billion budget - the largest in state history and the largest of any state in the nation. The amount is \$11 million more than Governor Ronald Reagan's original budget request; the governor is expected to "blue pencil" about \$15 million out of the budget.

New Mexico has 22 state parks.



A NEW official flag to be flown at the Porterville city hall was presented to the city Tuesday morning by Post 20, The American Legion, with, from left, Bert Webb, post commander; Elmer Robinson, post flag chairman; Mayor Marty Martin, City Manager Roy Pederson, and Hugh Williams,

post adjutant, participating in the ceremony. The flag, donated by Mrs. Harry Pohlman, was presented by the government of the United States to her at the time of her husband's death. Pohlman, a veteran of World War I and community leader for many years, was one of the

organizers, and the first commander in 1919, of Porterville Post 20, The American Legion. At the present time the Legion is selling American flags and encouraging patriotic display of the flag.

(Farm Tribune photo)

## AMERICAN LEGION MAKING EFFORT TO GET CITIZENS TO DISPLAY FLAG

PORTERVILLE - Post 20 of the American Legion has initiated a flag selling drive in an effort to get more people in Porterville and vicinity to display the American flag on appropriate days.

Post Commander Bert R. Webb and Post Flag Chairman Elmer Robinson said the drive is called "Operation Fly Your Colors" and is designed to correct a noticeable apathy on days such as June 14, which is Flag day over the U.S. and commemorates the adoption of the Stars and Stripes as the national flag.

Local Legionnaires will sell Family Kits, consisting of a 3x5

flag of good quality, a staff, halyards, and the hardware necessary to affix the flag on house or porch. A price of \$5 and \$7 is being asked, dependent on whether the staff is metal or wooden.

Any profit made as a result of

the drive will be used in the various community betterment projects sponsored by the Legion.

A brochure in color, "How to Display and Respect the Flag of the United States", will be given with each flag kit purchased.

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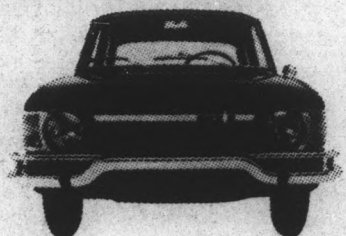
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## SPRINGVILLE-AREA RESIDENTS ORGANIZE ASSESSMENT PROTEST



WHAT TO do about rapidly rising assessed values in the foothill country? That was the subject of a public meeting in the Springville Memorial building last Thursday night, with outcome being that a community committee is being set up

to aid residents of the area in attempting to get adjustments on their property assessments. Top photo shows, from left: Dick Coon, president of the Springville chamber of commerce; Pete Ostrander, president of the Springville Lions club; Vernon Gill, rancher who introduced the evening's speaker,

Walter Caskey, president of the Tulare County Property Owners association; Col. V. W. McGinnis, who presided at the meeting; Perry Marlin chairman of the Springville Farm Bureau center; and Flo Walter, secretary. Lower photo shows some of the crowd that filled the Memorial building. (Farm Tribune photos)

SPRINGVILLE - A committee to assist area residents in protesting rapidly rising property assessments in the foothill country of Springville and Milo was organized last Thursday night following a meeting of property owners at the Springville Memorial building.

Agreeing to serve on the assessment adjustment committee, or to get representation from the organization they head, were: Perry Marlin, Chairman, Springville Farm Bureau Center; Archie Reynolds, Master, Springville Grange; Pete Ostrander, President, Springville Lions club; and Dick Coon, President, Springville chamber of commerce.

Object of the committee will be to assist persons who believe their property assessments are out of line in preparing their case to present to Tulare county board of supervisors as that body sits as a board of equalization, starting July 1.

Last Thursday's meeting was set up after residents of the area received their assessment notice cards from the office of the Tulare county assessor, showing, according to local statements, that assessed values on property had generally at least doubled and that in some instances it had jumped as much as eight times; many inconsistencies in assessments were also claimed.

Speaking at the meeting was Walter Caskey, president of the Tulare County Property Owners association, who told of the work that his group is doing in attempting to "ride herd" on county government and to bring about administration of public agencies that will result in more efficiency and a lowering of the property tax.

In the Springville-area situation, Caskey said there is just one thing that can be done now - that is to appear before the Tulare county board of supervisors as it sits as a board of equalization, starting daily on July 1.

He suggested that persons with protests go enmasse, but emphasized that only protests by individuals will be heard. He said that a written request to appear must first be filed; that the individual must know exactly what he is doing and have all facts concerning his own property, since he will be facing experts in the field of assessment who have a thorough knowledge of the laws under which they operate.

Caskey suggested that persons who plan to file a protest to their property assessment engage an attorney to represent them; and he emphasized that persons

protesting should "not get mad" during the hearing.

Caskey stated that when county supervisors start budget hearings on July 22, he will be there to challenge many items in the budget. He said that property owners need a strong organization with a large membership to make their voice heard when budgets and taxes are being considered.

General discussion centered around the upcoming county budget, with Caskey stating with a budget of around \$43,000,000, tax rate increase of from 30 to 50 cents can be expected.

Caskey was highly critical of county efficiency and of some assessment practices. He pointed out, however, that assessment laws were written by the state legislature and that County Assessor Herman Matney has to conform to the law. He said that Matney has a "level headed group of men working for him."

Concluding his remarks, Caskey said that if people of the Springville area form the committee and individually prepare their cases for presentation at the county board of equalization hearings, he will personally assist with representing them at the hearings.

## VANDALIA 4-H OFFICERS SEATED AT ANNUAL PARTY

VANDALIA - Janice Scranton was seated as president of the Vandalia 4-H club at the club's annual potluck, swim party, and installation held recently at Murry Park in Porterville.

Other incoming officers are Nanci Carter, vice president; Bruce Carter, secretary; John Bennett, treasurer; Carol Holloway, reporter; Pat Bennett, parliamentarian; Stephen Wall, sergeant-at-arms; Beverly Smith and Bobby Shelton, recreation leaders.

Installing officer was Jane Bennett, outgoing president.

During a short business meeting, the pledge of allegiance was led by Rick Schmid and the 4-H pledge by Gary Williams. Reports were given on the Porterville fair by Debbie Battenfield, clothing; Betsy Shelton, horse; Allen Reuter, woodworking; Clinton Atwood, beef; Pat Bennett, citrus and Brice Reece, sheep. Mrs. W.G. Scranton, community leader, announced that Pat Bennett had been selected as the club's Davis delegate.

Following the meeting, members and their families enjoyed a potluck dinner. This meeting concluded the year's activities and regular meetings will resume in the fall.

## City Council

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board of supervisors has the authority to form the district if 10 per cent or more of the registered voters within the proposed district petition the board to do so.

If the Local Agency Formation commission says that the district is not feasible, then the matter is "dead" for one year.

In formation of new districts, one factor that is of prime importance is ability of a proposed district to support its operation through taxes.

In the original Foothill Mosquito Abatement district, with Porterville and Lindsay included, assessed value would be about \$97,000,000; with the two cities not included, assessed value would be about \$67,000,000.

## From Daybell Nursery

By John

If this were a rational world you would all be on vacation instead of down here buying things to pretty up your yard. After all it's July already, it's moderately hot at times, and everyone should be relaxing in the shade. Or at least out sharing the mosquitoes with their fellow man.

For you lucky ones that get to stay home we have some appropriate suggestions for the yard. We mention these every year so if you've been around awhile just skip the rest and turn to the editorial section. Firstly don't mow the lawn too short. Set the mower up an inch or more so that the grasses will shade out the weeds. A little fertilizer might help too.

Next is the task of watering. The larger the plant the deeper the water should go so let it run awhile. Often times letting the water run slowly but several hours will do the best job of soaking the whole root area. This will also allow you to catch today's soap opera without flooding the neighborhood.

Meanwhile we're still on "E" Street just behind the Honda shop. You can come and browse around here while he feasts his eyes on a shiny new bike. Best bring the money with you however.

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## Rabies Clinics Start In Area Next Week

VISALIA - Rabies clinics will start in Tulare county next week, with county and state law requiring that all dogs, over the age of four months, be vaccinated, and that all dogs

running at large must be licensed.

With the exception of the City of Lindsay, dog licenses are issued from the office of the Tulare County clerk; a current vaccination certificate must be submitted to obtain a license; vaccination fee is \$2.00.

License fee for male dogs and spayed females is \$3.00; for female dogs, \$6.00.

Following is the schedule of rabies clinics in southern Tulare county; July 9, Springville fire station and Terra Bella fire station, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.; July 10, Earlimart fire station and Strathmore fire station, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

July 11, Pixley fire station and Cotton Center store of Brey Wright Lumber company, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.; July 12, Lindsay fire station, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

A number of Tulare County veterinarians are participating in the clinic program, including Dr. Floyd A. Elliott, of Porterville, and Dr. R.E. Dickerson, of Tipton.

June 1 inventory of hogs on United States farms is estimated at 59 million head, one percent below last year.

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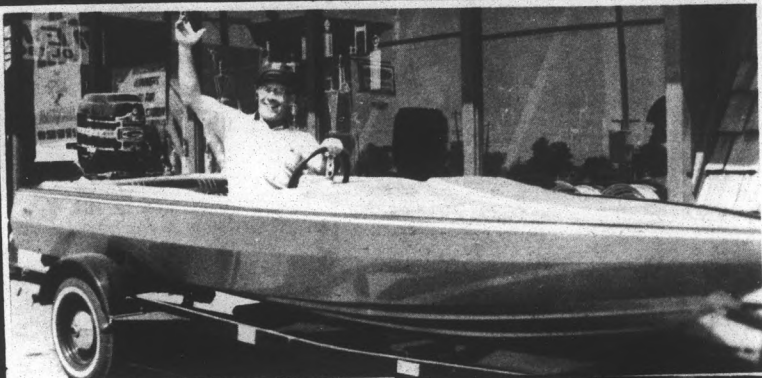
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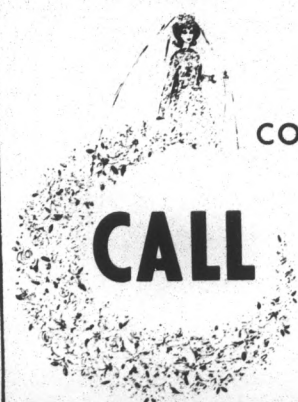
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## Increased Costs Listed As Reason For Edison Rate Increase Request

LOS ANGELES - Increased costs and expenditures in almost every phase of doing business have forced Southern California Edison company to ask Public Utilities commission approval of a 9.6% rate increase - the first hike the company has sought in 11 years.

The proposed increase would provide an estimated \$60 million annually to support financing of the tremendous investments in plants required to keep pace with the increasing electricity demands anticipated in the company's service territory, according to Jack K. Horton, Edison board chairman and chief executive officer.

Horton pointed out, however, that Edison has reduced rates several times in the past 11 years, reductions which have benefited its customers by more than \$39 million annually on the basis of the current level of sales.

The proposed increase would add less than five cents per day to the bill of an average

residential customer, Horton said.

"The cost of electricity to domestic customers has declined steadily over the years while the costs of most other products and services have risen steadily," the Edison chairman said. "Even with the proposed rate increase, the cost of a kilowatt hour of electricity for household use will still be less than it was as far back as 1938."

Horton said the economic forces necessitating the increase are sharp rises in construction expenditures, higher interest rates the company must pay for money to finance the construction, the increase in federal income taxes, and the impact of inflation generally.

In addition, the company is programming substantially increased expenditures for placing distribution lines underground and to further reduce air pollution.

Edison's construction budget for 1968 will reach a record

## LAWHORN HEADS STATE AG. TEACHERS

VISALIA - Frank Lawhorn, agricultural instructor at College of the Sequoias, has been elected president of the California Agricultural Teachers' association. He was elected this week at a meeting held at Cal Poly; among others attending from Tulare county were: Ray Kennedy, Porterville; Rick Patterson, Porterville Junior college; and Ray E. Agee, Strathmore.

Seven 1968-69 Wine Institute scholarships have been awarded at Davis and Fresno State College, with two yet to be made, totalling \$6,250.

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\$355 million, Horton said, up about 9% from the \$325 million expenditure for 1967. "And for the next five years, including 1968, expenditures are expected to range between about \$355 million and \$425 million a year," he added.



OBSERVING HER 104th birthday June 27 at the Hacienda Canvalescent home was Mrs. Agnes Conley, mother of Burgess and Hoyt Conley of Porterville; Fred Conley of Bakersfield; Miss Stella Conley and Mrs. A.J. Daniel of Porterville, and Mrs. Fay Lynn, formerly of Atlanta, Georgia, but now spending a good bit of her time in Porterville. Mrs. Conley was born in Pickens, South Carolina, on June 27, 1864; she came to California in 1933, residing in Fresno for two years, then oved to Porterville to make her home. The Farm Tribune photo was taken of Mrs. Conley on her 100th birthday.

Inventory of all hogs and pigs on California farms as of June 1 was 175,000 head, 16 percent

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## Best Tobacco

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for chewing. To produce snuff, the entire leaf, veins and all, is pulverized.

Strong or mild tobacco is produced by letting more or less leaves develop on the stalk - strong tobacco resulting when nine or fewer leaves are left, milder tobacco if up to 14 leaves are left. The stalk must be suckered often after the number of leaves that will be allowed to develop is determined.

Not knowing that the crop would do so well, plants were set out closer than they really should be, Hubert says. With the extensive growth that has developed, he believes that a four-foot-square "hill" should be provided for each plant.

When the leaves, now green, have matured to their golden brown color, they will be cut at the base of the main stalk, tied into "hands" of about 10 leaves each, and hung to ripen and cure, a process that will take from two to three weeks.

After cutting, if second-growth sucker leaves are allowed to mature on the old stalk, another crop could be produced before frost, however, second-crop leaves are often bitter.

The stem that produces the tobacco flower is cut out when it appears, since if the plant is allowed to flower, the tobacco also turns bitter. One or two plants in each field has been allowed to bloom to produce seed for next year.

Hubert claims that he is the best tobacco grower in Woodville, since his plants are considerably larger than those grown by Otis. However, Otis says that he spent so much time showing Hubert what to do that his crop suffered.

He also says that Hubert slipped out at night and fertilized his plants, which

Hubert admits, but he says he also gave some fertilizer to Otis.

Otis admits this, but says he did not get the fertilizer early enough, that Hubert's crop was ell along before he shared the fertilizer with him.

Actually, it appears that as much good-natured conversation as commercial fertilizer has gone into the production of both fields.

Hubert, who is secretary-manager of the Woodville Public Utility district, was raised on a hill farm in Arkansas, where tobacco was one of the crops grown each year for family use. "We grew it because we didn't have any money to buy it," he says.

"There were 11 in my family," Hubert recalls. "We went through the depression without knowing there was a depression. We didn't have any money, but we grew our own corn, peas, peanuts, vegetables, chickens, eggs and meat. We did a little hunting on the side, and there were plenty of fish in the river. We got along; we never took a handout."

And he recounted how he and his wife farmed a 40-acre cotton field, planting, chopping and picking the entire field themselves. Later he worked in the Oklahoma lead mines and bucked wheat. After coming to California in 1945 - first going to Hanford before moving permanently to Woodville - he worked in packing sheds and cotton gins, raising a family of three, accumulating a little money in the bank, and buying his home in Woodville.

Now, with a "desk job" he has time for other things - like fishing in Lake Success, and when the conversation turns to fishing, both he and his wife claim the biggest fish. In their backyard, alongside the tobacco, is a garden, and in the storehouse are jars of home-prepared jelly, fruit and berries.

Back in Arkansas he walked three miles to grade school and it was an 11-mile round trip to high school. In spite of a working life, he has found time to "read a lot," and, with it all, he has developed a philosophy that is sort of grassroots American, a philosophy in which there is little regard for folks - particularly young folks - who would rather live off relief checks than work.

So Hubert Jones and Otis Jones have turned Woodville into the tobacco capitol of Tulare county. And they promise to roll a cigar for us after the crop is in and cured.

## Perlette And Cardinal Grapes Are Coming On

VISALIA - Perlette and Cardinal grapes are beginning to show signs of maturity and some picking should start soon after the Fourth of July, according to weekly crop report issued by Elvin O. Mankins, Tulare County Agricultural commissioner.

Mankins says that as of the end of June most of the early varieties of peaches, plums and nectarines had been harvested; cotton was doing well with irrigation and cultivation getting underway and with some bloom beginning to show; field corn and sugar beets were making good growth; tomato harvest was well underway with quality good; bean, cucumbers, Bell peppers and squash were also moving to market.

Wheat harvest is getting underway, Mankins reported; barley is about all harvested, with fields being burned, worked up and planted to milo in many instances.

Citrus crop generally looks good, with fruit sizing well and with a "normal" crop on the trees. A few groves, hit hard by last winter's freeze, have light crops.

Rangelands are generally very dry, but stock water is still adequate.

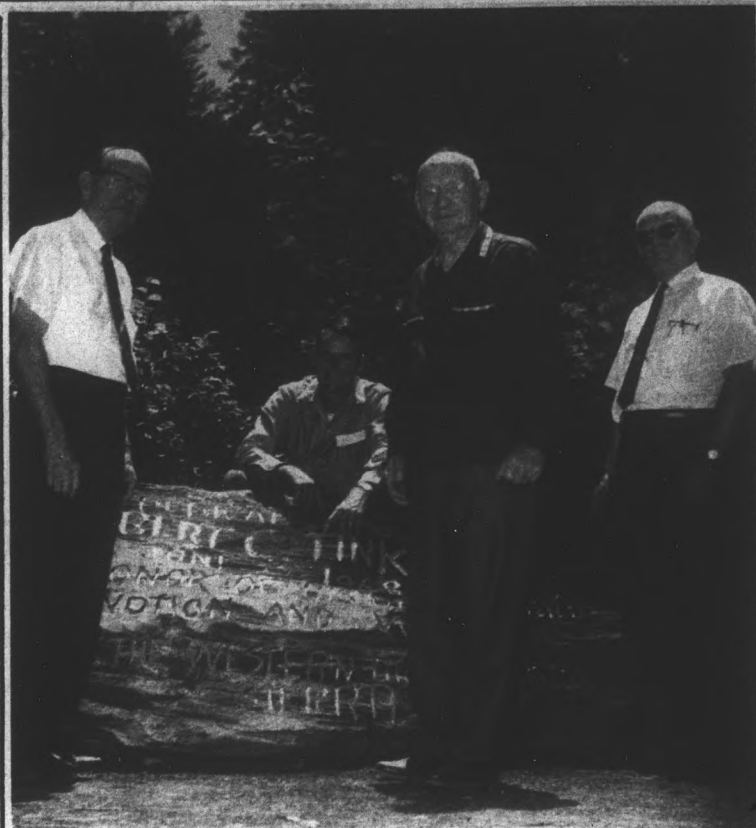
## Moth Control

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vitality anyway due to the disease. The moths were dipped for identification after sterilization and before release. We changed from a dipping to a spraying technique several weeks ago and noticed the moths were much more active upon release. These sprayed moths were first used last week.

"We are hopeful that the sterile moth release technique will be an effective aid, but all our tests and experience have shown that the most effective tool is the cultural practice. This means early shredding and deep plow up and a long host free period with irrigation.

"With these tools we are hopeful the spread of this pest can be controlled in the San Joaquin valley. The present program is one we are carrying out with the full cooperation and support of the California State Department of Agriculture and county governments," Dr. Anderson concluded.



AL TIENKEN, second from right, Lindsay druggist since 1905 who was born in San Francisco in 1881, was honored June 22 when his name was placed on a Redwood tree in the Redwood Grove of Honor at Sequoia Crest. At left is Herman Landers, of Lindsay, program chairman for the ceremony; Claude Rouch, of Sequoia Crest and Camp Nelson; and, at right, Ford Chatters, retired Lindsay publisher and former chairman of the State Personnel board, who delivered an address praising Tienken for his community work through the years. He recalled that in 1960, Tienken organized a special program to dedicate a Redwood at Sequoia Crest in honor of Amos Alonzo Stagg, one of America's all-time great football coaches and a champion of clean living and sportsmanship. At that time Stagg was 98 years old and was still coaching part time at Stockton. Tienken also took several young Redwood trees to Stockton where they now grow as a memorial there to Stagg. Presiding at the ceremony was Wy Grier, vice president of the Western High Sierra association, the organization setting up the Redwood Grove of Honor; speaking the invocation was the Rev. Joseph M. Mathews, of the United Presbyterian Church of Lindsay. "When we think of the mountains of Tulare county, we cannot overlook the majestic groves of Redwoods," Chatters said. "Certainly no living thing could be selected to more fittingly honor one of our citizens whose decades of unselfish community service and activities have earned the gratitude of all of us. . . . We pause then to dedicate this stately Redwood to Albert Conrad Tienken." (Lindsay Gazette photo)

## TIMES-DELTA IS 109 YEARS OLD

VISALIA - The first newspaper established in Tulare county - the Visalia Times-Delta, observed its 109th anniversary on June 25. Actually the first paper was the Tulare County Record and Fresno Examiner which later evolved through ownership changes and consolidation into the present Times-Delta.

## Saak Estate

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## County Budget

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gasoline. The probation department shifts \$108,596.00 of its budget of \$186,818.00 to the State, and the Maintenance department shifts \$187,204.00 of its budget to the Hospitals. Consequently, only \$648,085.00 of the decrease will go to reduce the property tax.

"The net result of the changes is that \$214,582.00 more is being asked of the property owner to finance the 1968-69 budget. In addition Welfare aid is increased \$1,909,096.00 and a portion of this will be shifted to the property tax rate.

"The departments asking for increases and which should be investigated in depth are: Administrative, Auditor, Treasurer, Assessor, Retirement Board, District Attorney, Fire, Sheriff, Agricultural, Planning, Probation, Mental Health, Library.

"In addition to the net increase of \$214,582.00 on the property owner, the Tulare County Employees association will go before the board of supervisors and ask for salary increases which they calculate will require an additional increase in expense of \$516,876.00 with \$216,088.00 being met with subventions and leaving an additional \$299,788.00 to be added to the property tax.

"In substance, the property owner will be asked to pay \$514,370.00 more in property taxes, not relieved of \$723,786.00 which has been published in various news media!

"Members of the Tulare County Property Owners association shall be apprised of this situation and will be urged to attend the budget hearings."

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